



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On November 24, 2009, a Lincoln man was sentenced to 15 years and eight months (188 months) in prison for his involvement in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between June of 2007 and February of 2009. Jason Sims was held responsible for the distribution of between approximately 18 ounces and three pounds of methamphetamine during that time frame.

Name of Defendant: Jason Van Sims

AKA:

Age: 34

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: At least 500 grams (approximately 18

ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately three pounds) of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about June 1, 2007, and on or about February 5, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: May 22, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: May 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: May 26, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on August 14, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 24, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on conditions on July 16, 2009, and returned to custody on September 7, 2009

In Continuous Custody Since: September 7, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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